

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015 7:00 P.M
MASONTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Doug Sholtis, Vice-president Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Treasurer Jeff Myers, Tom DeGusipe, David Howard, John Kopas, Ken Plisko, and Janet Swaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Carl Bezjak, Assistant Superintendent Beth Hutson, and Attorney Lee Price

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

ROTC – Pay It Forward – Sgt. Harmon and cadets presented a program called Pay It Forward which the ROTC has taken on. It has been presented to all students and staff members in the district. They plan to make this an annual event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Sholtis announced executive sessions were held as follows:

1. April 8, 2015 from 6:50 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for personnel at the Athletic Committee meeting
2. April 13, 2015 from 6:35 to 7:05 p.m. for personnel and student confidentiality

AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to adopt the agenda as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2015 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for March 2015 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following for April 2015:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,731,816.58
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$964,328.27

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BOND EMPLOYEES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to bond district employees and board members at a cost of \$2,348.00 through Ohio Casualty/Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STUDENT PHYSICALS

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to renew agreement with Centerville Clinics for student exams at a cost of \$9.00 per student per exam.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LERTA

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant preliminarily approval of Albert Gallatin Area School District's participation in a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Law (LERTA) Abatement Program for property located in Georges Township. Any final District approval is conditioned upon Georges Township and Fayette County agreeing to likewise participate in the property tax abatement program with a ten year, 10% annual declining abatement schedule: Year One 100% of the assessed value of the Improvements; Year Two 90%; Year Three 80%; Year Four 70%; Year Five 60%; Year Six 50%; Year Seven 40%; Year Eight 30%; Year Nine 20%; Year Ten 10%; and Year Eleven 0%.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to approve the following policy readings:

1. First reading of Revised Head Lice Policy # 209.1
2. Second reading of Food Allergies Management Policy #209.2

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to accept the following retirements:

1. Custodian, Steve Jarzynka effective April 30, 2015
2. Custodian, Carl Shotts effective April 28, 2015
3. Cafeteria manager Linda McLaughlin effective June 30, 2015
4. Guidance Counselor Clara Chetosky effective with the end of the school year
5. Elementary Instructor Roxane Connors effective June 30, 2015

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks these individuals for their many years of dedicated service to the students and taxpayers of the Albert Gallatin Area School District and wishes them a long and happy retirement.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to except the resignation of cafeteria employee Angela Powell effective April 24, 2015.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Plisko, second by Howard to hire Bobbie Jo Friend as custodian for afternoon shift at D. Ferd Swaney.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

A motion was made by Dunham second by Plisko to hire the following extra-curricular sponsors for the 2nd semester of the 2014-15 school term:

1. Zack Wood – Robotics
2. Ken Musko – Work Release

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LEAVES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Myers to grant Bethany Chicarelli a leave of absence from April 15, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-15 school term.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant Bernie Wydo a leave of absence from March 2, 2015 to approximately May 2, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Colebank second by Myers to reappoint Duane Dupont to the position of Athletic Director for a three year term retroactive to July 1, 2014, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written agreement, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Swaney to reappoint Dianne Patterson to the position of Confidential Secretary for the Superintendent of Schools for a five year term commencing to July 1, 2015, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written agreement, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Dunham to award Dixie Poskon the dayshift custodian position at Masontown Elementary School according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant permission for 3 administrators and 1 secretary to attend the PAFPC Federal Conference from May 3 – 6, 2015 at Seven Springs at a cost of \$2,500.00 paid by Title 1.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Myers to grant permission for 6 students and 1 guidance counselor to attend the Annual The Future Is Mine Student Leadership Conference on April 16-17, 2015 in Pittsburgh at no cost of the district; Ann Capozzi.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Kopas to hire the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Professional – Don Hilenbrant
2. Yvette Lapp aide

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

HS TOUR

A motion was made by Swaney second by Myers to grant the Class of 1975 permission to tour the High School on July 31, 2015; Keith McCormick.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Swaney commends Mr. Toby Maykuth, staff members and students for all of their hard work to perform the musical Annie. The show was once again a huge success. We have many very talented students. Congratulations for a job well done.

President Sholtis announced the next regular meeting will be held on May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Smithfield Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Myers second by Kopas to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.